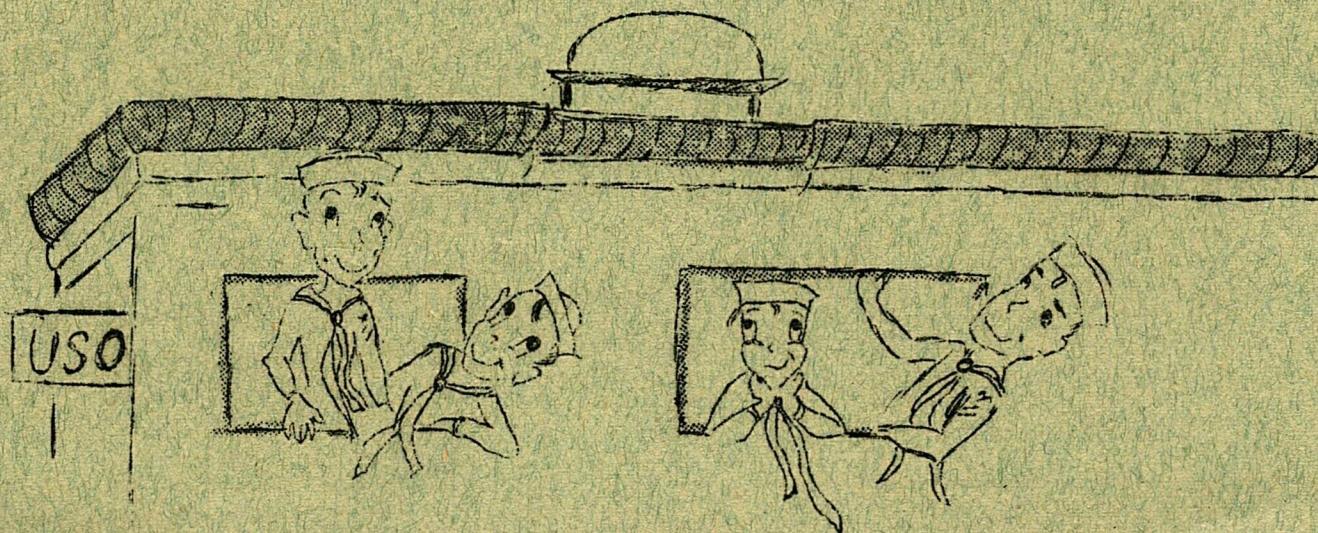




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WORD



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MEET THE LATEST

This month we are very proud to introduce to you the new director of our U.S.O., JAMES WALKER TAYLOR. Better known to all as Jim.

I am sure that you all want to know more about Jim, well here you are, Jim entered this big world of ours June 6, 1924 in Mt. View, California, of course that makes him 31 years young.

While Jim was in high school he played in the Band. He is quite a musician. He plays the Trombone, Alto Horn and the Viola

Jim attended Ponom College at Claremont, California, where he received his B A Degree.

Here is another serviceman, Jim served three years with the Army Air Corps. When he finished his hitch he was a T/S.

Jim started his USO work in Long Beach, California. He has served as director at the following places: Valdosta, Georgia San Antonio, Texas as program director, and Puerto Rico. Before coming to Astoria, Jim served as director at Fairfield, California.

Did someone mention food? Well, Jim's favorite food is a specialty of his mothers, but he will take fresh crispy fruit salads in the summer, and in the winter he will take steak. These are considered the best with him, but he likes most anything as long as it is food.

As we all know everyone has a pet peeve, Jim's is "People who don't take the time to understand other people." So everyone lets try to be more careful.

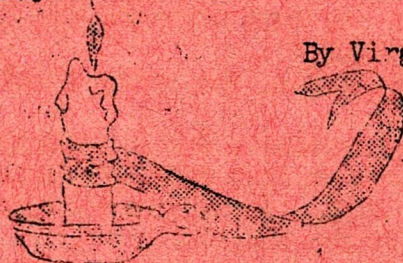
In the music line Jim thinks it is the mood that you are in. He also thinks that the world would be pretty drab without it. His favorite song is "SOMETHING'S GOT TO GIVE."

As for the sports field, Jim thinks that you can't beat a good football game.

Jim has been in Astoria since November 12. He thinks that Astoria is a very nice town and the people are very friendly. He also thinks that our USO is one of the friendliest he has ever been in, so everyone lets keep it that way.

In concluding I would like to say that we are very glad to have you here with us and we hope that you enjoy your stay here.

By Virginia Lundburg



SUNDAY EVENING DINNERS

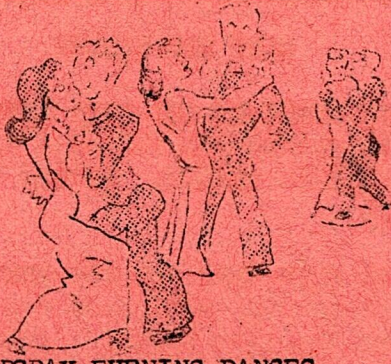
Almost every day of the week there is something going on at the U.S.O., and Sunday's are no exception.

Somewhere around 5:00 p.m. each Sunday women from various organizations in the city start arriving at the U.S.O. with a variety of foods in preparation for the buffet supper. They may be casseroles, wonderful salads, sandwiches, home made rolls, pies, or any variety of goodies. At 6:00 p.m. the fellows and G.S.O. hostesses begin to partake of this wonderful food.

During this past month of November we are indebted to 4 different organizations for their work in preparing and serving the wonderful dinners. On November 6th the A.A.U.W. served the dinner followed by the Women of the Moon on November 13th, the Pythian Sisters on November 20th, and the Christian Church on November 27th. Your reporter was not privileged to attend the first two however, from all the reports I can conclude that they were a great success. Also if the latter two were any indication of the first two, they must have been enjoyable. At this time we want to thank the ladies of the above organizations for giving of their time and work in making these dinners such a success.

Also while extending our thanks, I think we owe a big bouquet to Mrs. Antonich for all the time she spends in taking charge of these buffet dinners and in engineering the sing-a-longs. The last week or two we have been gradually creeping into the Christmas season with a few carols along with the good old stand byes which have become a part of the Sunday sing-a-longs. What would we do without Mrs. Antonich to keep things rolling on these evening? Thanks to you Mrs. Antonich and all you other fine people for your help.

By Louise Brenner



THURSDAY EVENING DANCES

Our first dance of the month was in honor of our boy and girl of the month, Janice Bartoldus and Ken Scott.

Autumn decorations were used. Also a large jack-o-lantern was on the table in the dance hall.

The music was with records from our office. A good time was had by all.

Our second dance was a very good one having the newly organized "Tongue Point Mariners" back with us. Everyone was happy to have them back. The same autumn decorations were used for this dance.

Our third dance was in honor of Pal Week. Mayor Peter Cosovich presented the key to the city to one of the crew members of the U.S.S. Perch. Also an honor certificate from the recruiting office in Astoria to Mayor Cosovich was presented. Again the music was furnished by the Tongue Point Mariners. The decorations used were the same ones of autumn.

Our last Thursday evening dance was the evening of Thanksgiving. The theme "Turkey Hop" was decorated by Ginny Lundburg and Ann Whiteside. Very nice job girls. The Mariners again furnished the music for the dance.

Thanks goes to all those who helped these dances to be a success!!

SKATING PARTY

Friday, November 18, was the date of the enjoyable U.S.O. Skating Party that was held at the Blu-C Skating Rink.

The fun started at 10:00 p.m., however, some of the gang went early in order to warm up!

Approximately 50 people signed up and nearly everyone went. A few new faces included some of the boys from the U.S.S. Perch.

Most of the gang are good skaters, however, Fairy and her friend seemed to find a "flaw" in the floor and had a spill. It seems as though Bud Hooper had a spill or two from the way he was limping for a few days afterward!!

I noticed Verna and Alice were really on their toes----Could it be because of all the vitamins they got out of the steak dinner that the boys from the USS Perch served to them????

About 12:00 a.m. the party wound up to a close.

I am sure everyone had a wonderful time and hope we have another skating party real soon. Don't you all agree with me????(You better!!)

By Jan Bartoldus

SANTA'S GRAB BAG

by the Santa Helpers

When all was quiet, and not a noise was heard, we asked a few questions and this is what we heard.....

Fairy Vaughn-----Minnie and the Other?"
Hank Cassidy-----A Nice Honorable Dis-

Charge

Jerry Haffner-----More Jitterbug Records
played at dances.

Tom Sylvester-----A 30 Day Leave

Tony Chiaffala-----A Honorable Discharge
44 days early.

Bud Hooper-----\$200 (to trade in on
a new Car)

Jack Riley-----A 5'2" blue-eyed blonde
GSO Hostesses-----More boys at the dances
who can Jitterbug

Ronnie Waltz-----I want to go home

I. D. Conreras-----Top Coat

Ann Whiteside-----Jack J.

Ray Dubel-----The combination of the
Vault in the U.S. FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Pat Lewis-----Go home to Hawaii

Bert Kimbrough-----My two front teeth.

Evelyn Madsen-----A fur coat (Blue Mink),
a '57 Cadillac, 50,000 home and lose
20 lbs., (What more could you ask)

Jerry Braden-----A trip back home to
Oklahoma

Charles Wood-----A Girl (Things must
be bad).

Robert Bussey-----Anything on two legs
as long as it is female.

Annie Schairer-----A raise (in pay)

Harvey Bennett-----I can't tell

George Bryan-----A dream to come true
(What dream, Rocky?)

Jim Scholtz-----Cuff Links, Silver Tie
Clasp and a year supply of Pop Corn.
(How much would that be, JIM - 500#??)

Don Fahrenkrug-----'56 Cadillac and a
French Doll.

Jim Whitaker-----Somebody to fix my car
(A CAR???????)

Ron Geotz-----Date with Fairy.

Don Scarborough-----Janet K. & Wedding Bells
Ferd Rodby-----To have an enjoyable
time at "EL RANCHO" in Sacramento, Cal.

Don Mayer-----Pair of shoes.

Paper Staff-----A new typewriter

Verna Hutonen-----What I want I'd rather
not have printed.....NOW VERNA.....

Keith Wilcox-----Louise

Louise Brenner-----Willie (Why don't these
two get together????)

Adriana Venderveldt-----??????????

Robert Whitmire-----The set of rings back
from a girl in Seattle.

Dale Etmund-----A date with a certain
girl from Astoria, (Who Dale?)

Fred Rodby-----A trip to Hawaii with
Mom Beemer. (Sounds great?)

Cleo Schenk-----Nothing SANTA, I al-
ready have what I want, (Could it be
RON??? We wonder Cleo).

Ron Strehl-----Cleo.....(Say what goes
here)

Ken Scott-----Low flying pilots license
(Whats the matter Ken, Drivers License
expire)

Virginia Lundburg-----A prize package from
GUAM.



MEET THE BOYS

Several of the boys this month that I would like you to meet are from a ship that has only been here in Astoria for 2 weeks, the U.S.S. Atlas, ARL 7.

The first one is Charles Ray Wood, QMSN. He was born 18 years ago on June 24, 1937 in Wewoka, Oklahoma. Charles has been in the Navy 15 months. Some favorites of his are: Food - steak, sport - basketball, song - "Love is a Many Splendored Thing", and pet peeve - People who show off. His opinion of Astoria is "very nice town. Everybody is very friendly." His favorite activity at the U.S.O. is the dances. When asked what he thought of the USO, he said, "I like it, sure makes a guy feel at home." Charles is planning for his future to become a petroleum engineer.

A ship mate of Charles is the next one I would like you to get acquainted with, Robert Franklin Bussey, ME3. His home town is in Yankton, South Dakota. He was born on May 8, 1936 and is better known as Bob. Bob served 1 year and 8 months of his Navy term already. Bob is one of the taller boys here, being 6 foot 5½ inches. His favorite sport is football, food is chicken, song is "Moments to Remember" and pet peeve is "People who try to get me to ship over." As for his comment on the U.S.O. he says "it is a good organization." His favorite activity here is the dances. His opinion of Astoria, the short time he has been here is "O.K. except for the rain." The future will find Bob in his own welding business.

The last one this month from the U.S.S. Atlas, ARL 7 is Ronald Francis Waltz, FN. Ronnie was born on October 1, 1936, which would make him 19 years old now. He has spent 15 months of this time in the Navy. Like the rest he has several favorites, such as ---Sports - Golf, Food - steak, Song - "He" by Al Hibbler, and pet peeve "Women who talk too much." His favorite at the U.S.O. is the dances. His opinion of the U.S.O. is "The best by a long shot." And of Astoria "People are very friendly, but I don't like the weather." Like many others Ronnie is from Ohio, to be exact, Bowling Green. Some day if you hear of a professional golfer by the name of Ronald Waltz, you'll know who it is as to become a professional golfer is Ronnie's ambition.

The next boy has been around Astoria for 1 year (and also the U.S.O.). He is Howard Brent Sparks SN from Elkin, North Carolina. Howard is 18 now and was born August 31, 1937. Some favorites of his are food - steak, sport - football, song "He" by Nat King Cole, and pet peeve "People who gripe". His opinion of the U.S.O. is "Good" which he spends most of his time playing pool. His opinion of Astoria is "Good, I really like it." One of these days will find Howard a family man, his future.

Another boy around Astoria, since March, is Robert Austin Whitwire, MEFN. Bob, as he is better known, is planning on the Navy as his career with 2 years left in Astoria. He says of Astoria "It's fine except for the weather!" Some favorites among Bobs are sport - baseball, food - southern fried chicken, and song - "If I May" by Nat King Cole. Bob was born 21 years ago on November 17, 1934 and claims Hendersonville, North Carolina as his home town. Bob spends most of his time playing pool here at the U.S.O. which he thinks is "Very nice and a wonderful place."

We hope all of you enjoy your stay here in Astoria. Good luck to all of you.

By Ann Whiteside

BON VOYAGE

This past month has been more of a month for meeting new people, such as the crews of the USS Atlas and USS Perch, rather than saying Bye to the old. One of our friends who did leave is a tall seaman from Roseburg, Oregon, Darwyn Sumstine. Dar was with us for 14 months after being in Girm for 18½ months. "Sunshine" left Nov. 22 for San Francisco to board the USS Wasp (JVA) and will probably see duty there until he gets out June '56. When asked if he was glad to leave Dar said "I'd rather stay here, and I've enjoyed the USO very much. It's been a good place to spend my spare time.... don't know what I'd have done without it." Thanks for the Compliment Dar and the best of luck to you in your new duty station.

VISITOR

We had one of our former G.S.O. girls back for a visit for a few days. She is now Pvt. Alice Seabrook in the Lady Marines. It was nice having Alice back with us and I'm sure the fellows especially enjoyed teasing her about being a Marine. Alice has been in for 4 months, spending that time in Parris Island, South Carolina. She left November 23 to report to the Marine Corp. Supply Forwarding Annex in downtown San Francisco.

By Verna Hutonen



MEET THE MARINERS

Assemble your instruments. Straighten your music. Everybody ready? One---two---keep in time---four. One-two-three-four. And with the upbeat, the U.S.O. band begins to play. The Mariners, newly re-organized into a five piece band, are heard and seen at the weekly U.S.O. Thursday night dances.

We would like to introduce each member individually to let you know what goes into the makings of a band beside hard practice....individually and together, long hours, work and more work. And we can't forget the fun during all this!!

Now I want you to meet the Mariners. To start off, here's the BANDLEADER, important because he keeps the band together and moving. Introducing, PAUL METLER, an all-around musician, he plays all saxophone and clarinets. Music is so much of a hobby with Paul that he prefers buying sheet music to spending the money on a fifth. This sax player was born on June 3, 1931, in Knoxville, Iowa. He started his clarinet lessons in the third grade. Paul has been in the Navy four years and at the time of this writing he has but seven days to go. In Astoria six months, he doesn't like it and I imagine it's because of the weather (rain). His favorite song is "Out of No Where", which he says is the Mariners theme song. The sport he enjoys most is football and the type of music he prefers is all kinds of dixie land. Paul is married and has a girl twenty-two months, called Janet Low. He has two sisters and one brother, all younger, at home in Iowa.

Next we have RAYMOND J. DUBEL the most recent newcomer to the newly organized band. Ray plays the ACCORDIAN which he claims a monkey started him on. One day there was an organ grinder on the street with a monkey holding a cup. He said to himself, "There's the occupation with some money in it!" And here he is! Ray first saw day light on February 16, 1935, in New Haven, Connecticut. He played the accordian in high school, doing quite a bit of solo work. He says he's been in the Navy too long already, although he's still got two years to go, which he will probably spent in Astoria. He's been here since the 24th of October.

As to favorites, Ray says food, anything a good cook can prepare; Song - Tchzkouski's Piano Concert No. 2; and Sport basketball. About everything in the way of music will satisfy this accordianist ---anything, that is, but dixie land. Back home he has a sixteen year old sister. To be a commercial artist is Ray's ambition.

The lad on the TRUMPET is GEORGE EDWARD HOOPS. Besides being a trumpet player he does a little bit on the viola, although high school students in his home town knew him as a trumpeter. Born on December 15, 1935, in Kansas City, Kansas, Hoops has always wanted to play in a dance band. A seaman in the Navy since September 13, 1954, he's been in Astoria since August 11th. He likes Astoria except for the weather. His favorite food is spaghetti, song is "Unchained Melody" and sport is basketball. Type of music he likes best is popular. Single, this sailor's ambition is to be a corporation Lawyer. At home he has two brothers, five and fifteen. He would be lost if not for the U.S.O. here!!

And what's a band without a DRUMMER? Handling the drumsticks for the Mariners is HAROLD (TOM) SYLVESTER. Tom has a love for the finer arts and besides drums, he's pretty good on both the piano and clarinet, which he played in high school. He was born in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 4, 1937. This storekeeper-seaman has been in the service only eleven months and in Astoria five of them. As far as Astoria's concerned, "It's a pretty nice place." Peanut butter rates high on his list of favorite food, with "Deep Purple" on his choice of songs. For a sailor he certainly loves water because swimming happens to be his favorite sport. All types of music are enjoyable to listen to ---except hill-billy. Tom's a single man and has but one sister who is younger then he. He thinks the U.S.O. is a fine organization.

Unable to find TOM SIMMS, the man on the BASS FIDDLE, we can only do our best and mention his name and instrument he plays. Tom, by the way, is a motorcycle fan. Maybe some of you have seen him lately buzzing around on it.

The Mariners have done a great job in re-organizing under the leadership of Paul. Our hats are off to you!!

With Paul leaving us shortly, Ray Dubel will take over the spotlight as bandleader for the Mariners. To Paul we'd like to say from all of us here Congratulations and thank you for doing such a grand job. We'll all miss you and lots of luck in the coming years in whatever you may be doing. To Ray we'd like to wish good luck in the role as new band leader. We know you'll keep the Mariners fine reputation up to it's peak.

By Virginia Lundburg

CHATTER - CHATTER by the DEVILS

Looks like a couple of couples have taken a certain song for what it means, LOVE & MARRIAGE, Congratulations to the lucky doves.

Who is it that takes people home from parties and etc., and then shows his skinned knee-caps, someone said it was from the skating party?????

What say some of the gals and guys start thinking of that first trip to the snow, lets take our cars and have a good time, much fun was had last year.

What people park in front of hospitals till the wee hours of the morning, maybe it's just in case people get hurt, first aid close by.

Who goes around calling everyone DAD, when HE's the older.

Who goes around telling people to "DROP DEAD" all the time, and gets the same answer back all the time, Wrong time for funerals.

ONIONS to those who usurp the authority of the decorating committee.....?

ONIONS to those who wear levis and jeans to our dances, and also to those who don't know what an ash tray is for...

ORCHIDS to those who do much, but say little, it has been deeply appreciated by many.

ONIONS to those who don't believe in ICE-BREAKERS AT DANCES, parties, and etc.

ONIONS to those who don't care to listen to others idea, after all the world wasn't made or built by one man.....

ONIONS to those who leave after the BUFFET SUPPERS, after all you can sing too.....can't you?????

Why is it that the counter can't keep up the demand for food, must be the company that it keeps, look out at the "Happy Inn".

Many things are opened by mistake, but not so often as the mouth....

NEW GROOM: "What are you thinking about darling?"

NEW BRIDE: "The same thing you are dear".

NEW GROOM: "Good, I'll race you to the refrigerator!"

CUSTOMER: "How can you sell me a bottle of hair tonic when you have no hair yourself?"

BALD BARBER: "Cool down mister, there is nothing wrong with that. I know a man who sells hose.

SONG DEDICATIONS

To Jim Taylor "HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW".

To the G.S.O. Girls, "SWEETHEARTS OF OUR DREAMS" from the gang at the U.S.O.

To the Mariners, "MUSIC MAESTRO, PLEASE".

To Tome Sylvester, "YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS" (Stan Freeborg)

To Willie - "LOUISE"

To Ginny - "IT'S IN THE BOOK" (hmmmmmmmm)
From Jim Taylor

To Ronnie Waltz - "PRETTY BABY".

To the Stork Club - "BABY BLUE EYES"

To all the new faces at the U.S.O. - "OPEN ARMS"

To those who are about to take the step - "LOVE AND MARRIAGE" (Who could that be????)

To the Gang - "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES" from Ruth Lahti.

To Don Mayer - "OHIO" - from Ginny.

To Annie Schairer - "YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY" (Those eyebrows)

To Jim and his two "TUGBOAT BUILDERS", "DEEP RIVER" Was the water cold??

To Dick J. - "DON'T STAY AWAY TOO LONG". (We all hope you don't!)

To Minnie - "MY BOY FLAT TOP" - from ??

To those who are leaving us - "SO LONG IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YOU"

To the city of Astoria - "COME RAIN OR COME SHINE"

Wanted "ONE SWEET LETTER" by Verna.

To those who requested it on the USO Band Wagon and also to Charles Wood "16 TON".

To Mrs. Antonich - "OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY".

To Delores - "DON'T LET THE STARS GET IN YOUR EYES" from ????

To a certain someone - "DON'T LET THE KITTY GET IN" from Bob.

To Fred from Mom Beemer - "SET THE DATE, I AM WAITING".

To Annie Schairer - "I'M LEARNING A NEW KIND OF LOVE". What kind, Dusty??

To their better half - "IF I COULD BE WITH YOU" from Ann and Ginny.

TO THE G.S.O. HOSTESSES
from Ginny

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Are you an active member ---
The kind who would be missed,
Or are you just conteded
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the rest,
Or do you stay at home
And wonder if it's best
To take an active part,
To help the work along?
Or are you merely satisfied
To only just belong?
Do you stand aloof
And wonder if it's clever
To let the other fellow vote,
And take issue when its over?
Think this over, and remember
We all know right from wrong ---
Are you an active member,
Or do you "just belong?"

---Unknown

COMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

On DECEMBER 8th we will have a Penny
'N Inch Dance, so you guys and gals who
plan on coming had best go on a diet real
quick like.

Saturday afternoon DECEMBER 17, a
group is going out to cut greens. This
should be fun and at the same time a
chance to get out in the fresh air.

Sunday afternoon, DECEMBER 18, the
big tree downstairs goes up. Want to help?
In fact we'd like your help almost
every night in preparing decorations
for our big Formal.

DECEMBER 22nd is the date of our
annual Christmas dance. It will be a
formal. The boys will wear either their
uniform or shirt, tie, and slacks or suit.
The girls will wear either a formal (long or
ballerina) or a dressy party dress. It
will start at 8:00 p.m. and end at 11:30
p.m. It is going to be a real Ball so
let's all plan to attend.

Christmas Eve, DECEMBER 24, you will
find a beautifully decorated table loaded
with all kinds of goodies and hot spiced
punch in the Lounge. Sometime during the
evening we'll sing carols and then go to
church.

U.S.O. RAMBLINGS by Mrs. Stone

We have spoken so often of missing some of the old faces and welcoming new ones around the USO. There is one face that we were glad to see disappear and surely welcomed the new one. Has anyone missed the dirty drab look on the outside of this building. Isn't this new job a huge improvement over what we had up to a month or six weeks ago.

There are very few except the Staff who was here a little over a year ago during the time of remodeling and redecorating of our building. It is hard to realize what the building was up to that time. Can you visualize a lounge and reading and writing room combined, the T.V. in the game room, yes, that is what it was like downstairs. There was no kitchen, when hostess groups came in to help serve. The only place to make coffee and prepare the food was in the canteen. Imagine what a jam that made when two and sometimes three not too small women tried to get into the little work space all at once. We really expanded when we got the kitchen upstairs, so all of the entertaining could be done up there. We sure were proud when we could call the inside work all done, but of course one thing calls for another and we realized with all of our brightness just how drab the outside was. I guess all things come to he who waits, and at last our drab and dirty building is a lovely delicate green. From what I hear before long there are to be some plants or shrubs in the flower boxes outside, so the mystery is solved, some seem to think they were outdoor bathtubs or horse troughs, but they all guessed wrong, before long the Garden Club will see to it that they are all filled in and planted.

It was nice to see the good group of girls out for our Thanksgiving dance. It is a long time since we had so many girls. We are hoping we can surpass that number at our Christmas dance which will be formal on December 22. Personally I would like to say again THANK YOU for the lovely gift given to me at the dance. I am afraid that I could not thank you properly at the time, I was just too surprised. It is lovely though and I do appreciate it.

Before long we will be hearing on all sides of us "Merry Christmas". I wonder if we mean it or is it just something that we say from force of habit. Let us give a little thought to it and if we really mean it lets do something about it by remembering some one else. It isn't what we give, it may be only a kind word, a word of encouragement, or a word of thanks for a job well done. Let us remember the little things and really make for a truly MERRY CHRISTMAS.

OPERATION TAKE-OVER

Operation Take-Over was a program that was set up to allow the service-personnel and others a chance to see the details of running a governmental city. To many that would seem like a boring job and of no interest, but to some of us it was a pleasure and enjoyable time.

I would like to see each and every one of you sit down and just think of what the duties are of the different jobs held down by the city officials, and then figure the headaches that they have. To begin with, Operation Take-Over was commencing when Mr. Kent was still with us and finished by having Mr. Taylor as the representative of the USO (not that this job sent Mr. Kent to the hospital or anything) along with many others.

It was on the theory of netting the Service-personnel and the people of Astoria together in more of a brotherhood friendship, in which I believe has happened. You know there are and is a wonderful group of people here, and if you yourself would understand them, the stay that you have will always be remembered.

Just a few of the facts of information that is kept, there are only 120 - 130 on the pay roll of the city. This amount includes City Manager, City Engineer, Super. of Public Works, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Auditor and Treasurer, Land Agent and many that are seldom seen by the average resident, due to the fact that their job mainly resides in the City Hall or out in the fields. The jobs that these officials have to carry out and the way things are done, is similar to the running of any government, organization, or even the Navy as far as that goes, you have your wheels (so to speak) and then the spokes, everyone has a hand in it somewhere or another.

To this very day if any of you decide to live in Astoria or the area around same, you can drop down to the City Hall and ask to see the record of the house, building, street, or area that you intend to purchase, and they will give you the information clear back to 1923, which is the last record that they have for sure verification, if you want to wait a couple of days they can and will go back farther, it has been known that they have had to look at records back dated to 1919. What about your city, and they give the information if you wanted it? Have you ever wondered just what makes the City you live, work, play, or visit in, run and operate? In case any of you are off hand wondering just what the out-put of funds are per month, it just happens that this fair city of Astoria, works in the hundreds of thousands of dollars (roughly 100,000.00 to 100,000.00) Surprise you, it did myself and others.

Another thing that might take you back a few steps is the fact that if you are killed, and decide to be buried even cremated that it is against the law to do so without a permit, (Just a word to the wise, "Buy your coffin, before you sell your soul").

Acting on behalf of and for the USO the following were appointed as:

D. Stranathan.....	Mayor
F. G. VanWinkle.....	Asst. Mayor
R. Schulte.....	City Manager
L. A. Connaughy.....	Asst. City Manager
H. W. Brown.....	Asst. City Manager
T. Sylvester.....	City Engineer
A. M. Bedwell.....	Asst. City Engineer
J. H. Leiper.....	Super. Public Works
J. B. Bolton.....	Asst. Parks & Rec.
A. H. Wade.....	Asst. Streets
J. H. Hornbuckle.....	Asst. Water
K. Wilcox.....	Chief of Police
K. Scott.....	Capt (Asst. Chief of Police
H. Ching.....	Sgt.
J. L. Davis (Mrs.)...	Matrone (Wave)
G. Christopherson....	Fire Chief
O. E. Peterson.....	Capt. (Asst. to the Chief
G. S. Bryan.....	City Auditor
L. V. Shaleen.....	City Treasurer
L. DiCarlo (WAVE)....	Clerk
C. K. Mraz (WAVE)...	Clerk
J. M. Merrell.....	Land Agent
P. N. Arnold.....	Asst. to the Land Agent

Completion for the day was returning to the USO, which in turn had a wonderful meal waiting for us. It was at this time so many received their certificates showing the part they have played in the ties of the people of the city and those in the service. We are welcomed here by the people and it is up to us, each and everyone, to help keep that welcome warm and heartfelt.

By George Bryan

Bob: "Hi Bill, Whats you standing on your head for, eh???????"

Bill: "Turning things over in my mind.

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TO THOSE WHO REMAIN HERE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Don't forget our big Formal Dance on the 22nd of December, for goodies and hot spiced punch the 24th and the wonderful fun and enjoyable get together on New Years Eve, the 31st from 8 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. There will be a buffet supper, dancing, games and lots of fun.